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DEPT PASS WHITE HOUSE

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SUBJECT: WHITE HOUSE FELLOWS INTERVIEW WITH PRC ASSISTANT
FONMIN CHANG WEN-CHIN

1. PRC ASSISTANT FONMIN CHANG WEN-CHINA HELD RAMBLING
TWO HOURS BRIEFING FOR VISITING WHITE HOUSE FELLOWS
DELEGATION AUGUST 8. MEETING WAS SET-PIECE AFFAIR WITH
QUESTIONS PROVIDED IN ADVANCE AND NO DISCUSSION PERIOD.
CHANG HEWED CLOSELY TO STANDARE PRC LINE ON FOREIGN
POLICY, BUT CAREFULLY AVOIDED CURRENTLY SENSITIVE ISSUES
IN U.S. - PRC RELATIONS SUCH AS CAMBODIA AND VIET-NAM.
EMPHASIS WAS ON POSIVITIVE IN SINO-U.S. RELATIONS WITH
EXPRESSION OF HOPE WE WILL PROCEED BEYOND PRESENT STAGE.
TAIWAN IS MAJOR ISSUE, HOWEVER, AND CHANG SAID CHINESE A
PATIENT PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT CONCERNED WITH WHETHER
SETTLEMENT EARLY OR LATER.

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2. CHANG HAD HARSH WORDS FOR SOVIETS WHOM HE CLAIMED

ARE NO LONGER SOCIALISTS. HE ALLEGED SOVIET SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES IN ASIA, AFRICA AND LATIN AMERICA AND DENOUNCED SOVIET ECONOMIC AID AS ATTEMPT TO EXPAND CONTROL. ON BORDER DISPUTE, CHANG SAID CHINESE NOT ASKING FOR RESTORATION OF TERRITORY LOST DUE TO UNEQUAL TREATIES BUT ONLY THAT TERRITORY OCCUPIED BY SOVIETS. SOVIETS REFUSE TO ACKNOWLEDGE BORDER DISPUTE EXISTS BUT INSIST ON BORDER NEGOTIATIONS.

3. CHANG NOTED SOVIET OCCUPATION OF JAPANESE NORTHERN ISLANDS AND SAID THEY SHOULD BE RETURNED. HE WELCOMED U.S. RETURN OF OKINAWA BUT REGRETTED CONTINUED USE OF MILITARY BASES. SOVIETS NOT ABOVE USING MILITARY PRESSURE, HE SAID, INCLUDING CARRYING OUT SUBVERSION IN CHINA. SHOULD WAR COME, CHINA PREPARED AND CHINA WOULD NOT EXPECT "NUCLEAR UMBRELLA" FROM U.S.
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